



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Magisterial Representatives:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk
Braddock District

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Dranesville District

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Lee District

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Mount Vernon District

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Springfield District

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Sully District

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Member-At-Large

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Diversity-At-Large

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Jeffrey E. Stein
Town of Clifton

Jerry Carter
Town of Herndon

Sam Althoff
Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Rob Hahne
Baseball/Softball Adv. Council

William Pruiett
Girls' Fast Pitch Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Fairfax Adult Softball Council

Tom Moore
Youth Basketball Council

Mark Meana
Football Bd. of Commissioners

Ralph Wills
Soccer Advisory Council

William J. Stephens
Women's Sports

Bill Harvey
Lacrosse Council

Patricia Johnson
Volleyball Council

Non-Voting Members:

George Lovelace
Park Authority

Paul Jansen
School Board

Executive Agency:

Patricia Franckewitz,
Director, Community and Recreation Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 21, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Scott Wilks, Alternate, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Jeny Beausoliel, Alternate, Mason District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
David Lacey, Sully District
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Sharon Sealock, Alternate, Adult Softball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
William J. Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs
Ralph Wills, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board
Chris Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Jesse Ellis, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley "Mike" Viilo, Mt. Vernon District
Roger Sims, Springfield District
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council
William Pruiett, Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Council
Carl Coan, Adult Softball Council
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council

GUESTS:

Harry Glasgow, Fairfax County Park Authority Board Member
Hal Strickland, Fairfax County Park Authority Board Chairman
John Layman, Fairfax County Park Authority Senior Engineer

Fairfax County Athletic Council
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Fairfax, Virginia 22035
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Meeting Opening

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Administrative Items

On motion by Mr. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Bauer, the April 19 and May 17, 2006, minutes were approved.

Presentation to Council

Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Meana to lead the discussion on artificial turf fields. Mr. Meana said the initial estimate from the Park Authority on cost and the time line to convert a field to artificial turf was unacceptable. The Park Authority has since done some dynamic thinking and changed the estimate for cost and the time to an acceptable amount. Mr. Meana is now very positive about the Park Authority's converting fields to artificial turf fields.

Mr. Meana moved that the rest of the Council support the Park Authority bond in November which contains \$10 million in artificial turf fields. Mr. Wills seconded. Mr. Strickland led the discussion on the motion by saying that the bond contains \$10 million in artificial turf fields, \$10 million in land acquisition, and \$5 million in trail development. He said this is an interim bond and is a result of Chairman Connolly's setting a goal of doing 12 fields in the next three years. Mr. Strickland said the cost should be around \$750,000 per field. The minimum size field will be 190 by 370 feet. Mr. Strickland also asked the Council to lead an effort to have the FCPA acquire land for another two district parks. He also explained the economics of converting existing fields instead of starting new fields from scratch. He said building a field from scratch, funding land would be about \$5 million per field. He ran down a list of probable field sites to be turfed over the next three years. It would bring the total of turf fields to 20 in the county. Mr. Strickland added that the Laurel Hill Project could yield another 15 turf fields if the development plans work out.

In a question period, Ms. Bauer said she would like each district to receive a turf field before doing multiple fields in a district. Mr. Lacey questioned the turfing of fields that may not have lights in time and asked that there be a fallback plan if lights are not approved. Mr. Champness asked how these sites were chosen. Ms. Bauer asked Mr. Strickland to review the fields in Lee District and see if any field would be able to fit into this program. Ms. Sealock asked if diamond fields were considered.

On vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mr. McLaughlin distributed draft comments on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use of school turf fields by the community user groups. Mr. Jansen said the draft MOU, upon which these comments were based, has been replaced by another draft MOU. He further stated that a lot of Mr. McLaughlin's concerns have been eliminated in the newer version.

Committee Reports

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Providence District Field Task Force is still looking at projects.

Matters of Interest from Governing Bodies

Information – Board of Supervisors: No report.

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools: No further report.

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority: No further report.

Information – Community and Recreation Services: Mr. Ellis spoke of a meeting on walk-on use.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Election of Officers

Slate: Chairman: Steve McLaughlin
Vice Chairman: Dave Lacey
Secretary: Harold Leff

There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Wills moved that the nominations be closed, that the council approve the slate, and that this slate of officers be elected for another year. Mr. Althoff seconded, and the motion carried.

Cancellation of Games – Ms. Beausoliel asked if there were any county policies concerning cancelling games if thunder occurs. Mr. Jansen said schools had a policy that people must clear the field for a minimum of 30 minutes when thunder is in the area. Mr. Johnson said he was not familiar with any such policy at the Park Authority

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Lacey, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Harold Leff
Secretary